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George V. Voinovich
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December 27, 1999

Mr. Johnny Reising
U.S. Department of Energy, Fernald Area Office
P.O. Box 538705
Cincinnati, OH 45253-8705

Re: APPROVAL: INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL 1999 ANNUAL REPORT


Dear Mr. Reising:

Ohio EPA has reviewed DOE's December 1, 1999 submittal "Identification and Control of Invasive Plant Species 1999 Annual Report." Ohio EPA's approves the document with the following comments:

- 1) Commenting Organization: Ohio EPA Commentor: OFFO
Comment: The report is a substantial improvement over last year. It represents a great deal of effort and analysis providing scientific support to the conclusions presented. The numerous methods and scientific rigor used for assessing seedlings should be included in future years within the A8P2 revegetation study.
- 2) Commenting Organization: Ohio EPA Commentor: OFFO
Comment: Ohio EPA recommends completion of an additional year of the vegetation survey to determine if additional plants exist but were suppressed by cattle grazing. The vegetation survey provides useful information for future restoration activities and should include a post grazing assessment. The survey could be conducted during 2000 or 2001 so assess the post grazing plant community.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,


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